

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to chemical treatment of articles and, more particularly, to application of a ~~substance~~ composition to textiles, footwear articles, sanitary products and/or the like so as to suppress or eliminate noxious odors.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

It is well-known that human feet ~~can~~ often emanate noxious odors when footwear is removed, especially after ~~it has been~~ being worn for an entire day. This phenomena, it has been found, is even more noticeable with footwear such as shoes made of a material, for instance, a synthetic or rubber, that prevents transpiration of foot perspiration during use ~~such as rubber or synthetics~~. After prolonged use, the shoe ~~often~~ frequently becomes impregnated with such odors and, ~~thereby~~, it too becomes a source of offensive odors.

Please amend page 2, second full paragraph, to read as follows:

OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a fully effective composition and method for neutralizing entirely the proliferation of odiferous fungi and, therefore, completely eliminating ~~the~~ noxious odors often characteristic of sweating feet.

Please amend from after the second full paragraph on page 3 to before the first full paragraph on page 4 to read as follows:

Referring now to a specific, illustrative deodorizing composition and method ~~to be used~~ for treating an article to come into direct or indirect contact with a user's foot, such articles including, but not limited to socks, stockings, insoles, soles and uppers of shoes, so as to provide footwear articles that do not acquire an unpleasant odor during use. According to various aspects of the present invention, such treatment is preferably carried out by the manufacturer of the article before it is brought to market and even, in the case of soles, uppers or other parts of shoes, before or during production of the shoe.